

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication system, comprising:

a station having communication software for:

receiving a capability request from at least one non-emergency-service-provider; and
generating and transmitting a capability request response to each requesting non-emergency-service-provider that includes a status indicator of a non-emergency-services position-determination (NESPd) capability of the station, wherein the NESPd capability of the station is user-selectable to enable or disable all NESPd irrespective of which non-emergency-service-provider is associated with the capability request.

9. (Original) The wireless communication system of claim 8 wherein the capability request response further includes at least one of a GPS acquisition capability indicator and a position calculation capability indicator.

10. (Original) The wireless communication system of claim 8 wherein the station is a first station and the communication software is first communication software, the wireless communication system further comprising a second station having second communication software for generating and transmitting the capability request.

11. (Original) The wireless communication system of claim 10 wherein the second station comprises a position determining element.

12. (Original) The wireless communication system of claim 8 wherein the station is a wireless mobile device.

13. (Original) The wireless communication system of claim 8 wherein the station is selected from the group consisting of: a cellular phone, a wireless enabled personal digital assistant, a wireless-enabled personal computer, a GPS device, and a pager.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating between telecommunications network stations, comprising:

receiving at a first station a capability request transmitted by a second station;

generating at the first station a capability request reply in response to the capability request, wherein the capability request reply includes a status indicator of a non-emergency-services position-determination (NESPDP) capability of the first station, the NESPDP capability of the first station being user-selectable to either allow NESPDP or prevent NESPDP independent of a particular value-added-service-provider for which NESPDP is requested; and

transmitting the capability request reply to the second station.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising:

generating the capability request at the second station;

transmitting the capability request from the second station to the first station; and

receiving the capability request reply at the second station.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising selecting the NESPDP capability.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the NESPDP capability is selected by a first station user.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the second station comprises a stationary position determining element and the first station comprises a wireless mobile device.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the capability request reply comprises wireless mobile device native capability data, including at least one of a GPS acquisition capability indicator and a position calculation capability indicator.

20. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising generating a position determination request at the second station and transmitting the position determination request to the first station based on the status of the NESPD capability.

21. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising terminating position determination activity at the second station based on the status of the NESPD capability.

22. (Currently Amended) A wireless mobile device, comprising:
a user-interface configured for operation by a user in selecting a non-emergency-services position-determination (NESPD) capability of the wireless mobile device independent of non-emergency-service-provider entity;

a generator configured to generate a signal comprising a status indicator of the NESPD capability and zero or more wireless mobile device native capability data; and

a transmitter configured to transmit the signal to a wireless network element.

23. (Currently Amended) The wireless mobile device of claim 22 wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit the signal based on an external request received from a wireless network element and without regard for the non-emergency-service-provider entity.

24. (Currently Amended) The wireless mobile device of claim 22 wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit the signal based on stimulus exclusive of an external request for the status of the NESPD capability and without regard for the non-emergency-service-provider entity.

25. (Original) The wireless mobile device of claim 24 wherein the stimulus comprises a position-related request which the wireless mobile device has rejected.

26. (Currently Amended) The wireless mobile device of claim 22 wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit the signal based on a stimulus comprising an external request for the status of the NESPD capability but without regard for the non-emergency-service-provider entity.

27. (Original) The wireless mobile device of claim 22 wherein the zero or more is one or more.

28. (Original) The wireless mobile device of claim 22 wherein the wireless mobile device is selected from the group consisting of:

- a mobile telephone;
- a personal computer with a wireless modem;
- a GPS device;
- a pager; and
- a wireless-enabled PDA.

29. (New) A method of operating an element of a wireless communication network, comprising: transmitting a non-emergency-services position-determination (NESPDP) message to a mobile station;

receiving a status indicator from the mobile station, at least indirectly, wherein the status indicator indicates that the mobile station is configured to refrain from providing position information for non-emergency-services; and

preventing a plurality of NESPDP messages from being transmitted to the mobile station in response to receiving the status indicator.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein:

the status indicator is a first indicator;

the step of transmitting the NESPDP message to the mobile station comprises allowing the NESPDP message to be transmitted to the mobile station if a second status indicator is more recently received than the first status indicator, the second status indicator indicating that the mobile station is configured to provide position information for non-emergency-services; and

the step of preventing NESPDP messages from being transmitted to the mobile station comprises preventing NESPDP messages from being transmitted to the mobile station if the first status indicator is more recently received than the second status indicator.

31. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising receiving, at least indirectly, a message from a non-emergency-service-provider regarding a service that is dependent upon the mobile station's position within the wireless communication network.

32. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the status indicator indicates whether the mobile station is configured to:

refrain from providing position information for all non-emergency-services; or
provide position information for all non-emergency-services.

33. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the status indicator indicates whether the mobile station is configured to provide or refrain from providing position information for non-emergency-services in a manner independent of any particular non-emergency-service-provider.

34. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the element is a position determining entity.

35. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the status indicator is included in a message further containing native capability data of the mobile station.